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CONSERVATION DIVISION WICHITA, KS

## THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair

Jay Scott Emler

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In the matter of the failure of Eickbush	)	
Production Co. LLC dba ECCO	)	Docket No. 15-CONS-072-CPEN
("Operator") to comply with K.A.R. 82-3-	)	
400 at the Bdjt Unit #6, F Johnson Unit	)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
#7, Mini Johnson #1, Thomas #1 W and	)	
Thomas #1-E wells in McPherson County,	)	
Kansas	)	License No.: 5810

## REQUEST FOR HEARING

Eickbush Production Company, L.L.C., described as the "Operator" in the Penalty Order issued in this docket, requests a hearing that will lead to a clarification of certain matters related to the wells identified in the caption of this matter.

- 1. This Penalty Order was issued with respect to the injection of volumes of water that exceed the volumes provided for in the Commission's Orders. All of the wells in question have been approved by this Commission as injection wells. In 1977, the predecessor-in-interest to the Operator, described in those Applications as ECCO, requested injection authority for the wells enumerated above, for the injection of saltwater produced from leases at an estimated 50 barrels of brine per day, per well, at a minimum, to a maximum of 300 to 600 barrels per day, per well, to be injected at gravity pressure at the wellhead.
- 2. In all cases, the Orders that were issued in response to each Application erroneously provided that the injection volumes were limited to 300, 450 or 600 barrels per day for each injection well, without regard to the number of wells that were providing saltwater for injection as set forth in the Applications.

3. As a result of an inquiry that took place in 2003, the Commission requested certain information related to the wells at issue, but no issues were raised with respect to the

volume of waters that was being injected under the applicable Orders.

4. All of the wells in question have passed Mechanical Integrity Tests, as required

by the Commission's regulations, and there is no showing that the injection of water, at the

volumes that the Operator believed were approved, resulted in any adverse impacts.

5. For many years following the issuance of the Orders approving injection, the

Operator has submitted annual reports showing the volumes of water injected into these wells.

At no time, until the issuance of the Penalty Order in this docket, have the volumes been called

into question.

6. The Operator is ready and willing to submit an Amendment to the Application to

correct the record, but believes the issuance of this Penalty Order is inappropriate and exceeds

the authority granted to this Commission by K.A.R. 82-3-400.

WHEREFORE, Eickbush Production Company, L.L.C. requests a hearing in this matter,

but also requests that the penalty be rescinded, that the record be corrected so that the volumes

that historically have been injected be formally approved by the Commission, and for such

additional and further relief as the Commission may find appropriate under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF KANSAS	)	
	)	SS
COUNTY OF SEDGWICK	)	

Jeff Kennedy of lawful age and being first duly sworn, on oath, deposes and states:

That Jeff Kennedy, counsel for Eickbush Production Company, has read the above and foregoing Request for Hearing and that the statements and averments contained therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN TO before me this day of August, 2014.

My appointment expires:

Notary Public - State of K KATHLEEN M. TATE

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the <u>Hadian</u> day of August 2014, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Request for Hearing was hand delivered to:

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